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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_15-228)**

We have now considered your request of 08 November 2015 for records held by the University on ornithological taxonomic decision-making systems used by a specific list of organisations. We have copied your original request on page 2 of this letter for reference.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold any information relevant to your request.

We trust this confirmation satisfies your requirements, however you have the right of appeal against this response. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

[https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us), or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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## **Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_15-228)**

*Various ornithological taxonomic decision-making systems, taxonomic frameworks, taxonomic authorities and published taxonomic lists exist currently, for example the British Ornithologists' Union Taxonomic Subcommittee (BOU TSC), the Birdlife International (aka Birdlife / BLI) / Handbook of the Birds of the World (HBW) list, the Howard and Moore (H&M) edition 4 list, the Clements / Cornell list, the International Ornithological Congress (IOC) list, the list produced by the Association of European Rarities Committees (AERC).*

*Please release any information you hold relating to the choice of system / framework / authority / publication followed by any of the following organisations, and changes proposed, considered or planned to the choice of framework:*

*Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Natural England (NE), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the British Ornithologists' Union (BOU), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Birdlife International (Birdlife / BLI), Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)*

*Please regard any of the following documents as within the scope of this request:*

*Agendas and minutes of meetings where this topic has been discussed, and any reading material circulated to the attendees of the meeting*

*Emails, memos, letters or any other correspondence, either to or from individuals within your organisation, which reference the topic*

*Policy or position statements, proposals or any other documented opinions expressed by personnel either within or outside of your organisation*

**[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**